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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS : STEINBUCHER et al.  
SERIAL NO. : 09/750,986  
FILED : 28 December 2000  
FOR : SYNTHETIC ENZYMES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF CONIFERYL ALCOHOL,  
CONIFERYLALDEHYDE, FERULIC ACID, VANILLIN AND VANILLIC ACID AND  
THEIR USE  
ART UNIT : 1652  
EXAMINER : Delia Ramirez

1 June 2004

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to consideration of the application on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

**CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

**ADDITIONAL FEE**

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.